

NM EQIP FY 2005 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - _____ F.O.

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - 80 Potential Points (40% of Total)

If using this method of evaluation use stocking rate based on MLRA, etc. OR stocking rate for irrigated lands. Do not use both.		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
Grazing Plan	Intensive Rotation			20		
	Seasonal Use			10		
	Continuous Use			0	0	0
Deferrment Period	>90% of Growing Season			30		
	51-90% of Growing Season			20		
	26-50% of Growing Season			10		
	0-25% of Growing Season			5		
Stocking Rate Based On: MLRA _____ SITE _____ SI: 26-50	>65acres/aum			30		
	50-65 acres/aum			20		
	35-49 acres/aum			10		
	35 acres/aum			5		
(Irr Lands) Stocking Rate Based on Soils Data & Ag Tech Note 41	>9 acres/aum			30		
	6-9 acres/aum			20		
	3-6 acres/aum			10		
	3 acres/aum			5		
1. Plants				Total:*		

* If no change occurs above do not continue to rank! Total ranking score is zero.

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 100 Potential Points (50% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.		Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil (Sheet and Rill, and/or Wind Erosion):				
Brush Management (314) (Chemical or Mechanical)		10		
Critical Area Planting (342)		10		
Soil (Ephemeral Gully and Concentrated Flow):				
Erosion Control Structure (362) (348)		10		
Plants (Productivity, Health, and Vigor)				
Prescribed Grazing (528A)		10		
Brush Management (314) (Chemical or Mechanical)		10		
Water Quantity				
Fencing (382)		10		
Livestock Pipeline (516)		10		
Trough or Tank (614)		10		
Well (642)		10		
Additional Practices that address other LWG resource concerns:				
Wildlife Watering Facility (648), Pest Management (595), Spring Development (574)		10		
(5 points each, not to exceed 10 points total)				
2. Conservation Practice Selection		Total:		

3. Other Considerations - 20 Potential Points (10% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced.	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 _____ Section 2 _____ Section 3 _____ Total for Worksheet _____ *

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Designated Conservationist

Date

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